

INTERCOLLEGIATE BROADCASTING SYSTEM

Memorandum

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TO: All Trial Groups

FROM: Paul F. Yergin, Business Manager

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SUBJECT: Dues for Trial Groups

At the meeting of the IBS Governing Council in New York on February 14 and 15, 1948 dues were assessed on Trial Groups as well as Member stations. You should have already received a newsletter summarizing the actions taken at the meeting, and perhaps even the minutes of the meeting.

The dues for Trial Groups are \$25.00, payable on date of admission and annually thereafter. Groups in Trial status on March 15, 1948 will pay dues as though they had been admitted on that date.

Groups requiring extension of time for payment should request such extension from the Executive Committee, giving all relevant facts.

Since Trial groups have generally not been kept informed of IBS internal problems in the past, it seems reasonable to discuss briefly the background of this assessment.

In all previous IBS history, Trial groups have been carried free. This was because the Members felt that Trial groups were not in a position to pay dues, as a rule, and also because the Member stations wanted to encourage as much as possible the spread of the campus radio movement, feeling that such a spread would benefit everyone.

This stand was maintained even when IBS had acquired more than 50 Trial groups (with only half that number of Member stations). However, the very heavy burden of work that such a large number of Trial groups placed on IBS facilities, and the consequent drain on its finances, contributed considerably to the difficult position in which the organization found itself several months ago.

An example of the impossible situation created by this attempt to carry Trial groups free is given by the history of the Technical Data book. This publication was given to every Trial group on admission, and in most cases was the major contribution of IBS to getting stations started. Last May it was resolved to revise it, and print sufficient copies to meet the demand anticipated for the coming year. Lack of funds soon made it evident that this could not be done. The present result of this is that quite a few new Trial groups have not yet received their books. Other IBS services to Trial Groups have similarly suffered.

In order to permit publication of the Technical Data book, most of the material for which is already prepared, and whose publication was specifically approved by the Governing Council last weekend, and to relieve the present financial situation of IBS, Trial groups will henceforth pay dues, as specified above.

Present Trial groups having joined IBS with the understanding that it involved no financial obligation, they may, between now and March 15, 1948, withdraw from IBS without obligation. If they wish to remain in IBS, they must pay, by that date, the regular dues for Trial stations. It should be emphasized, that withdrawal will in no way prejudice future opportunities for admission, either in Member or Trial status. Application for readmission may be made at any time.

